

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-51 were pending in the present application.

Applicants appreciate very much the Primary Examiner's preliminary review of the instant application.

In the April 12, 2007 Office Action, the Primary Examiner asserted that because claims 43-45 and 49-51 constitute improper claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101, they were withdrawn from consideration. For the rest of the claims, the Primary Examiner divided them into XIV groups and stated that "Applicant must elect a single invention for prosecution."

In response, without acquiescing to the Primary Examiner's assertion, which applicants do not agree, and in order to facilitate the prosecution, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, 16-19 and 24 for prosecution. Claims 17, 20-23 and 25-51 were withdrawn without prejudice.

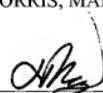
Examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested and this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response or the Application in general, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 404-495-3678.

Respectfully submitted,

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